Supply of drinking water—Trichur.

109. Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state what proposals are in view to increase the supply of wholesome drinking water in Trichur in localities where hydrants have not been put up.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The proposal is to lay in all about 60 or a few more public taps in the areas where water scarcity is felt during the very hot months.

The work of extending the distribution and laying more taps will be taken up from next year.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know, Sir, which this area is, where it is proposed to lay more taps? Is it in the bazaar side?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question of location has not been settled. It will be settled in consultation with the Municipal Council.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know the approximate quantity of water that is proposed to be supplied there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That will depend upon the consumption of water and the number of hydrants placed there. The capacity will be 5,000 gallons.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Are these, of uniform size and capacity?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— They are to be of ½ inch and ¾ inch

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the work be over in 1107?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Articles in Aikyam.

110. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the articles entitled "(ക) കൊച്ചി ശവമ്മണ്ടും മുസ്ലീമിങ്ങളും, (ഖ) മുസ്ലീം വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം, (ഗ) ആവശ്യമായ ചില നിയമങ്ങൾ, & (ഘ) കൊച്ചി ശവമ്മണ്ടും മുസ്ലീമിങ്ങളും" which appeared in the issue of the 'Aikyam' of 6th November 1930, 26th February 1931 26th March 1931, and 11th June 1931 respectively;

(b) whether they have done anything to redress the grievances of the community set forth in those articles;

(c) if so, what they have done?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Whatever possible has been done.

(c) 1. The question of revising the pay of Arabic and Quran teachers is under consideration.

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2. Preference is given to Muslim applicants in the matter of appointment as far as possible.

3. Stipends and scholarships have been specially provided for in the Code exclusively for Muslims.

Cochinites who served in the army during the Great War.

111. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to State:—(a) how many Cochinites served in the army during the Great War of 1914;

(b) how many of them were dead while on active service and how many returned disabled?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) & (b) Government have no information.

Article in the Ezhuthassan Paper about election at Kunnamulam.

112. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. has the attention of the Government been drawn to the articles published in the "Ezhuthassan", dated 17th Edavam 1106 (31st May 1931), under the heading "കുന്നംകുളം ഇലക്ഷൻ മഹാമഹം" "പൊല്ലീസ്സു കമ്മീഷണർ അവർകളുടെ ശ്രദ്ധക്ക്" and in 'Mahati', dated 16th Mithunam 1106 and (30th May 1931) "കുന്നംകുളത്തിലെ കൊള്ള രുതായ്മകൾ";

2. was it a fact that there was great rowdysm as stated therein;

3. was any enquiry made; if so, with what result; if not, why not;

4. did the District Magistrate get any request for protection from certain persons; if so, how many petitions have been received and what actions were taken; who were the applicants?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—1. Yes.

2. No.

3. The matter is *sub-judice*.

4. Vide answer to sub-division 3.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—The gentleman insulted was a Government officer of the status of a Registrar. Did the Government call for any report from the Registrar?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Sir, I have no information

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I asked, 'was any inquiry made' and am told that 'the matter is sub-judice'. What is the matter?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No matter has been inquired into and I cannot give anything more than what is given here, as the whole matter is sub-judicated.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What is sub-judicated?

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